

## MISS ANDERSON LOATHES ABEL

Girl Who Was Won by Impostor Professing to Be One of the Goelets Tells How the Young Man Courted Her.

PLAYED HIS PART WELL AND NEVER FORGOT ROLE.

Spent Money Like a Millionaire and Seemed to Know Society Folk—Girl Hopes He'll Be Caught and Punished.

For the first time since the publication of the story detailing the manner in which James Neilson Abel attempted to marry her under the name of "J. Ogden Goelet," Miss Eleanor Anderson, the beautiful young victim of Abel's cruel deception, has consented to make a full and complete statement of her relations with him.

Miss Anderson was seen at the home of her father, No. 330 West Fifty-ninth street. She identified the photograph of Abel as that of the man who won her heart under the name of J. Ogden Goelet, brother of the new Duchess of Roxburgh, and said that her one hope now is to see the man who deceived her arrested and punished as he deserves to be.

Miss Anderson has suffered cruelly since the duplicity of the man who won her heart was made known to the public. The notoriety surrounding the case has wounded her sensitive soul almost as much as the cruel deception practiced upon her by the man she loved.

That she loved him there can be no question. But her love has now turned to loathing, and the affection she once felt for him has given way to a hatred that will only be satisfied when the man who is responsible for her sufferings is placed behind the bars to pay the penalty of his wrongdoing.

**Cruel Impostor, She Says.**

"His deception was cruel, cruel," said Miss Anderson. "But I can't call it unkind. I have been deceived, but I have not been deceived by a man who is a villain. I have been deceived by a man who is a gentleman."

"I first met Mr. Goelet—or Abel, I suppose I should call him—at the Grand Hotel less than six months ago. I was in charge of the Western Union telegraph station there. He was not the first man who attempted to become acquainted with me; others whom I understood to be 'millionaires' had attempted to do so before. I had been told to do with them and go to the theatre, but I never accepted their invitations."

"Abel was persistent, though, and always polite and so persuasive. When he finally brought me the forged letter of introduction of 'J. Ogden Goelet' to an employee of the Western Union Telegraph Company, signed by Mr. Van Every, I had no reason to doubt the signature and accepted Abel for what he pretended to be—a gentleman. I allowed him to call at my home, and introduced him to my mother and sisters. They were charmed with him, and he would read, well bred and accomplished, and was always exceedingly courteous. On several occasions he invited me to the theatre, but always insisted that my mother should chaperone us. She did not care to go, and so we never went."

"In the afternoon he recently took me driving in stylish turnouts, and on these occasions when he drove up the avenue he bowed to many people that I know are in society, and these bows were always returned."

**Never Forgot His Part.**

"He never once forgot the part he was playing, and the pains he took to live up to his assumed character are amazing now when I come to look back over our acquaintance. On one occasion he called at our house in the afternoon dressed in a frock coat and silk hat. There was a bruise upon his forehead, and he told me that he had been thrown out of his auto while coming from Newport and had landed on his forehead. That night I saw in a newspaper that young Mr. Goelet had been thrown out of his auto while coming from Newport."

"On Nov. 5 he called to take me out walking and gave me a check for \$100.00. It was what is called a transfer check, I believe. He said, 'I want to give you a little wedding present that will be all your own.'"

"The check was made payable to Eleanor B. Anderson. It was drawn on the Astor National Bank and was signed J. Ogden Goelet. There was also a transfer check signed, as I remember, 'D. C. DeWitt,' who was his attorney, he told me. This transfer check was drawn on the Chemical National Bank. I was so excited at the time that I cannot remember how this check was drawn, but I think it was made to 'J. Ogden Goelet' and was signed 'D. C. DeWitt, for the estate.'"

"I was, of course, very much excited over the present, and he laughed at me and told me not to get excited. 'I can easily afford this,' he said, 'and I want you to have it as the first of the many presents I hope to give you.'"

**He Never Returned Check.**

"Both my sister Katherine and my mother were present at the time and saw the check. When we started out for a walk I asked him to keep the check for me until it could be cashed. He looked at me queerly and then took the check, saying, 'If you wish me to, I will keep it for you, but I would rather you deposited it in the bank.' Then he put the check in his pocketbook. I have not got the check now, nor have I ever seen it since the day we were to be married."

"We didn't go for a walk that morning, but he said he would return in the afternoon. Before he returned we were besieged by reporters who came to our house and wanted to know if I had really married Robert Goelet. None of the newspaper men were allowed in the house, but while they were still standing in front of the door Abel came bursting in. He said:

"The newspapers have learned of our intended marriage, and one of them has printed that we have already been married. My mother and sister are greatly

## ELEANOR ANDERSON, WOOD AND WON BY THE SPURIOUS "GOELET."



provoked, and inasmuch as my sister is to be married to the Duke of Roxburgh on Nov. 30, I think it best to postpone our wedding until the excitement dies down. I have just come from the house where the Duke and my sister questioned me and I had to deny that I knew you. I want you to leave New York temporarily and deny that you even know me. You waited this for me and as soon as the excitement dies down we shall be married."

**She Trusted Him Fully.**

"I believed him and fled from New York that night. I went to friends in Long Branch. We left our home at 3 o'clock in the morning, and that was the last time I ever saw the man who called himself J. Ogden Goelet. While I was at Long Branch I received letters and a telegram from him. His last letter was received on the day the papers first turned suspicion upon James Neilson Abel. Here is an extract from his last letter:

"I have been forced to tell my sister and mother that some one has been impersonating me; that I never knew you and that you are mistaken as to my name. Be true to yourself and me. Deny that you know me. Refuse to speak to the newspapers. Appreciate the fact that our future happiness is threatened, and above all be sure that I am thinking of you always."

"I trusted him fully. Why shouldn't I? I had never heard of Robert Goelet. I was not dazzled by his supposed wealth. He played the part of a man of fortune well, but had he been poor, I should have believed him. It would have been all the same to me."

"I have never heard a word from him since that letter. When I think of all the lies he told me, I cannot understand it all, nor can I see what motive he had. He spent money like a millionaire, and some one must have been supplying him."

"It was a cruel deception, but maybe my story will serve as a warning to other girls never to make the acquaintance of a man without knowing his family or at least something of his previous life. My only hope is that he will be caught and punished as he deserves to be."

**Hopes Abel Will Be Punished.**

William C. Anderson, father of Miss Eleanor Anderson, is of the opinion that others were interested with Abel in the attempt to deceive his daughter. "The investigations of my lawyer and myself convince me that Abel was not a fool," said Mr. Anderson. "I have learned that Abel was not supplied with money by his father, but I have every reason to believe he was in reality squandering the money of a richer man whose name I have not yet proof enough to bring before the public."

"I shall never give up the search for the villain who has brought unhappiness into my family."

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